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**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **Nominations sought for Daniel J. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award; honor recognizes outstanding work for Michigan children and families**

[Press release](#)

### **Detroit Free Press: Pugh says DPD intentionally unprepared in traffic ticket cases, calls for investigation**

"... In a letter sent to Interim Chief Chester Logan and Chief Judge Kenneth King of the 36th District Court in Detroit last Wednesday, [Detroit City Council President Charles] Pugh called the officers' performance an 'intentional act' to 'significantly reduce the amount of revenue generated by the 36th District Court from traffic violations.' "

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Election ads target Justice Diane Hathaway's real estate deal**

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway isn't on the ballot this fall in a hotly contested race for three seats on the high court. But political advertisements are highlighting some eyebrow-raising real estate transactions Hathaway and her husband, Michael Kingsley, made last year to unload a \$1.5 million Grosse Pointe Park home on a short sale."

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Hadden: Democrats' Supreme fibs**

Columnist Jeffrey Hadden writes "It's election season for the state Supreme Court. But you don't have to look at the calendar. You can just watch the Democratic Party's attack ads. Every election season, the Democrats come up with ads that don't bear any relationship with the truth. That's the case again this year."

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Jail in Genesee County could release more inmates to ease crowding**

"... [Sheriff Robert] Pickell and Genesee County Circuit Chief Judge Richard Yuille worked to reduce sentences of less-serious offenders 15 days into the overcrowding emergency, but officials now have less discretion on who is released. The result is that more-serious offenders could be released early."

[Full story](#)

#### **Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Jail could release more inmates to ease crowding**

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### **Flint Journal: Genesee County Jail looks to release about 100 inmates as overcrowding emergency hits 28 days**

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court to hear oral arguments Tuesday**

"Two cases involving Michigan's medical marihuana statute will be argued before the Michigan Supreme Court this week, as the Court opens its 2012-2013 oral arguments session."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The Detroit Legal News article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.**

### **Jackson Citizen Patriot: Michigan Supreme Court to hear arguments [this] week in Jackson murder case**

"The Michigan Supreme Court is to hear arguments [this] week in the case of a Jackson teen accused of murder. A hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the state Hall of Justice in Lansing."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Michigan Supreme Court Hears First Oral Arguments of 2012-2013 Session; Two Medical Marihuana Cases, 10 Others to Be Heard Oct. 9-11**

[Press release](#)

### **Detroit Legal News: Royal farewell: District judge retires after more than four decades serving city**

"After serving on Royal Oak's bench for 32 years, Oakland County 44th District Court Chief Judge Daniel Sawicki is hanging up his robe.... A retirement celebration will be held in Sawicki's honor on Thursday, Oct. 11, at Red Run Golf Club."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The Detroit Legal News article also ran in the Macomb County Legal News.**

### **Lansing State Journal: Local judge to share national honor**

"Judge Tom Boyd is among a dozen Michigan judges who will be honored today, along with the Michigan Supreme Court, by the National Center for State Courts. Boyd is the chief judge of the 55th District Court, which covers Ingham County except Lansing and East Lansing."

[Full story](#)

**\*\*The article is available by subscription only.**

### **Macomb County Legal News: New website for Michigan courts unveiled**

"A new and better-organized 'One Court of Justice' website — offering everything from forms needed for court proceedings to the latest Michigan Supreme Court and Court of Appeals decisions — recently made its debut."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The Macomb County Legal News article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.**

**Also see:**

### **Michigan State Courts' New Web Site Debuts Today; New site organizes content by audience, features better access and search tools**

[Press release](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: State plans foster care alternative program**

"Michigan's welfare agency has announced the start of a pilot program to try to keep young at-risk children in their own homes, rather than place them in foster care. The Michigan Department of Human Services said the program for children from birth through age 5 is possible because of a waiver from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services."

[Full story](#)

### **Three Rivers Commercial-News: Stewart appeal on to Supreme Court**

"Douglas Harrie Stewart's appeal of his conviction for the murder of his estranged wife Venus will move on to an application for a leave to appeal with the Michigan Supreme Court, according to attorney Susan Meinberg of the State Appellate Defender Office (SADO) in Detroit."

[Full story](#)

## **WKAR News/East Lansing: Senate Hearings to Open on Public Defense in Michigan**

"The state Senate Judiciary Committee opens hearings Tuesday on a plan to fix Michigan's public defender system. The committee chair says he has to be convinced there is a problem with people not getting fair representation."

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